SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: I will say this much. The Central Vigilance Commission, in its Annual Report from 1st January 1987 to 31st December, 1987, has not indicted the 'loan melas'. By implication and by necessary implication, the Central Vigilance Commission, in the same report, has commended the 'loan melas' as a good measure. I have the report here.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Now I am quoting from the report:

"The commission had come across some cases where the benefit of the scheme did not at all percolate to the poor targeted persons . . . .Thus loans were indiscriminately sanctioned in favour of borrowers without proper identification through a middleman on the basis of bogus invoices".

Can he deny these press reports?

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Sir, I quote . . . *(Interruptions)* . . . Please permit me to use the words of the Central Vigilance Commission. The Loan Mela is "a good programme."

. . . .*(Interruptions)*. . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Liberalisation of rules and regulations relating to NRI investment

*21. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people of Indian origin residing in foreign countries are very eager to invest their money in India;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make the rules and regulations relating to NRI investment more liberal so as to attract NRIs to invest their money in India; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) It is difficult to determine the intention of a large number of people of Indian origin residing in foreign countries regarding investment of their money in India, as this does not deal with factual information/or Govt. policies/regulations;

(b) and (c) There is no specific proposal presently under consideration. However, the existing rules and regulations are kept under review and suitable changes are made wherever necessary.

National Banking Conference

*27. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recommendations made at the National Banking Conference held in New Delhi on 31st January and 1st February, 1989;

(b) what were the main recommendations of the different working groups and whether the same have been communicated by the Reserve Bank to the nationalised banks; and

(c) whether it was also decided at the Conference to set up a working group on the flow of credit with regard to the Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme for the welfare of the minorities and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) No formal recommendations were made in the Conference. However, in the course of its deliberations varied suggestions were made for further strengthening of the banking system which are being looked into by the Reserve Bank of India.

Expulsion of foreign missionaries operating in Madhya Pradesh

*28. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether expulsion orders against five foreign missionaries operating in Madhya Pradesh have been issued;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what were the main charges against them;

(d) whether some more foreign missionaries who are operating in the State have also been issued with such expulsion orders for indulging in anti-India activities; and

(e) by when action against foreign missionaries operating in the State and whose bona fides are in doubt will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir. Deportation orders in respect of only three foreign missionaries from Madhya Pradesh have been issued

(b) Deportation orders under Section 3 of the Foreigners Act, 1946 in respect of three foreign missionaries namely Mr B.E. Getter, Mrs. Shelly John Getter, American nationals and Mrs. Louis De Readt, Belgian national, were issued on 8th July, 1987. They, however, filed a Writ Petition in the Supreme Court against the expulsion orders under Articles 14, 21 and 32 of the Constitution. The Court has stayed their deportation pending disposal of the Writ Petition.

(c) Since the case is sub-judice, it is not prudent to give details in respect of the charges. The Court is seized of the matter.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Action is taken and will continue to be taken under the legal provisions on the merits of each case.

Payment of D.A. to Central Government Employees

*29. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI JAGADISH JANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one more instalment of D.A. for payment to the Central Government employees has become due with effect from 1st January, 1989;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the orders in this regard are likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the revised Dearness Allowance formula based on the recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission, compensation for price rise has to be paid to Central Govt. employees twice a year on the basis of percentage increase in whole numbers in the twelve monthly average of the All India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Industrial Workers (General) (Base 1960=100) for the period ending June